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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005, the term for response to which is extended by three months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on October 14, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Claims 1 and 4-8 are amended; claims 2, 3 and 9 are maintained; and claims 10-20 are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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